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Rothrock, Lesley, Frazer and Kane, with special reference to the occurrence of abnormal rings in timber, Mr. Price desired it to be remarked that Dr. Rothrock's important practical discovery was the direct result of the practical use to which the American Philosophical Society had put its portion of the Michaux Legacy, as the minutes of the last few years show.

Dr. Frazer communicated a paper entitled : "Some Comparative tables showing the distribution of 'Ferns in the United States," by Geo. E. Davenport, of Medford, Mass. (See page 605.)

Dr. Frazer presented the report of the Special Committee on a Memorial to Congress, which was approved, and the Officers were authorized to sign the Memorial and transmit it to Congress. The Committee was discharged from the consideration of that part of the subject which related to the Light House Board.

The President reported that he had received and paid over to the Treasurer \$132.75, being the quarterly interest on the Michaux Legacy last due.

On motion of Mr. Price, the expense of preparing the illustrations of Dr. Rothrock's paper was charged to the Michaux Legacy fund.

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*Stated Meeting, Feb. 16, 1883.*

Present, 11 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Messrs. Macfarlane, Claypole and Emmons by letter accepted their election to membership.

Letters of acknowledgment and envoy were read.

Donations for the Library were reported from the S. N. Antiq., Copenhagen; Royal Academia dei Lincei; Geographical Societies at Paris and Bordeaux; Revista Euskara;

Kew Observatory; London Nature; Royal Geological Society, Cornwall; Boston Natural History Society; Mr. Geo. B. Dixwell; American Antiquarian Society; Wesleyan University; Regents of the University, N. Y.; Numismatic and Antiquarian Society; Engineer Club; Mr. H. Phillips, Jr.; Dr. D. G. Brinton; American Journal of Pharmacy; Second Geological Survey of Pa.; U. S. Mint; War Department; Wisconsin Historical Society; and Mrs. R. Norris of Nice in France.—A rare copy of Kaempfer's Japan; and a MS. volume of Japanese flowers, painted by native artists for Mr. Geo. Tyson of Boston during his residence in China, were presented by Mr. Morris Davis of Milestown, Phila.—Capn. A. D. Bache, presented, through Mr. Fairman Rogers, an old MS. of the Address of the Earl of Macclesfield to the Royal Society at the presentation of the Coplay Medal of 1753 to Benjamin Franklin. This MS. has the appearance of being the original document. On motion the thanks of the Society were tendered to Mr. Bache.

The death of Dr. B. H. Rand, at Philadelphia, February 14, aged 55, was announced.

Mr. Lewis introduced a discussion upon the thickness and movement of the Continental Glacier, in which Messrs. Frazer, Lesley and Price took part.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Officers were read.

Pending nominations Nos. 979, 981 and new nominations Nos. 982, 983 and 984 were read.

*Resolved*, That the President be authorized to appoint as delegates to the Congr s des Americanistes, to meet at Copenhagen next September, any members of the Society who expect to be present on that occasion, provided that the Society be not subjected to any expense by the delegation.

Dr. Brinton and Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr., were appointed.

*Resolved*, That the Finance Committee be requested to investigate the condition of the Magellanic Premium funds, and make recommendations for the appropriation of the surplus income fund for such purpose or purposes as they may think appropriate to the objects of the Society.

And the meeting was adjourned.